

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
UNDER 35 USC §371(c)(4) FOR  
PCT APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:  
my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, namely the invention entitled: SHOCK ABSORBING STEERING APPARATUS

described and claimed in international application number PCT/JP2004/006231 filed April 28, 2004

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

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Japanese Patent Applications No. 2003-136380 filed May 14, 2003; No. 2003-279544 filed Jul. 25, 2003;  
No. 2003-286678 filed Aug. 5, 2003; No. 2003-290149 filed Aug. 8, 2003;  
No. 2003-310419 filed Sep. 2, 2003; and No. 2004-049733 filed Feb. 25, 2004

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